



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Political experience: 1st time candidate, political volunteer in New Orleans, and most recently canvassing for Jean Quan and Sandre Swanson. Canvassed for SB 562 Universal Healthcare for California, CNA Nurse Lobby Day

Notable affiliations: Operation Access, Association of Radiology and Imaging Nurses, Golden Gate Chapter Board of Directors for 10 years and Chapter President for 3 years , Volunteer for Greenlining Institute, Girls Inc, East Oakland Collective Feed the Hood,. Alameda County Food Bank, East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club Policy Committee

1. What do you see as the greatest challenges when it comes to providing residents with a livable, affordable and safe community?

Safety: We need to work to create a mutual trust between our community and the Police Department, and help support them in a model of community policing, and work to keep them accountable by supporting the newly formed police commission.

As far as Livable and Affordable: One can define liveable as a place where people can go to school, work, to shop, play and pray and feel safe. Affordability can be defined or described as spending 30% of your total earned income after paying rent, mortgage, interest payments and utilities.

Most people in Oakland are cost burdened meaning they are paying between 30-50% of their household income on housing!

We must set goals to bring more housing to Oakland. Especially affordable and Senior Housing. It is not just a matter of supply and demand.

Increasing the supply to catch up with the demand. We have brought in market rate housing but so far the trick down affect has not helped lower income folks.

Here are some ways to bring about Affordable Housing units in a rapid way: Promote the use of Accessory Dwelling Units. The time to get a project through the planning and permitting department has been bogged down by all accounts. We need to conduct an audit and fix this. This will reduce the time and costs of projects. Create a minimum of 5-10 % of senior or affordable housing into newly planned projects, or impact fees go to temporary rental assistance or down payment assistance programs. We need to create more pathways to home ownership so that working people have a shot to own, and create intergenerational wealth and plant deep roots which allow Oaklanders to remain in Oakland.

2. What is the biggest opportunity for your district or city during the next four years?

I think the biggest opportunities for our District and City is CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. Get people involved, volunteering and informed of the resources, problems and become part of the solution. Having an informed and engaged electorate is the best way to build Community. We have an opportunity in Oakland to approach the future of Oakland with our Kids in mind. Green our city by looking at ways to lessen our Carbon Footprint as a family and as a city. I would like to see more greenspaces in East Oakland, with street beautification, and a dog park. We need places and reasons to gather. I would like to see a walkable night in East Oakland similar to First Friday downtown. I want to build more community through sharing. Another big opportunity is the Cannabis industry. Oakland has a unique opportunity lay the groundwork for this budding industry. Excuse my pun.

3. Describe your commitment to your district or city leading up to your bid for office. I have been involved professionally in Association of Radiology and Imaging Nurses, Golden Gate Chapter and sat on the Board of Directors for ten years, Chapter President for 3 years, Volunteer for Operation Access for 7 years, Have been a volunteer for SF Pride and participated in Oakland Pride walking, I have volunteered in two local campaign with Jean Quan

and Sandre Swanson. I have volunteered with Alameda Food Bank, supported No Coal Oakland, rally and City Council meetings

4. Silicon Valley and the Bay Area are at the center of global, technological advancement. How do you see technology's role in changing the lives of both longtime residents and transplants? Silicon Valley has create a boom in the Bay area. This area of concentration of think tanks of the tech industry has created a lot of jobs, opportunities, wealth as well as disparities for the area. Currently, there are many new Condo developments happening in downtown Oakland, It is thought that if we increase market rate housing, then there will be more housing available. I do not subscribe to this trickle down theory. We need to build more affordable and senior housing, so the increased tech boom has greated greater demand for housing, which has caused to pushing out of long term residents out of the community and sometimes into the streets. I see a need to partner with the tech industry to help residents in lower income areas such as East Oakland, to develop strategies to plan housing and build up training for the youth in our area to prepare them for tech jobs.